

1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding
5 Section 699.14 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/699.14 new)

7 Sec. 699.14. Yellow Ribbon license plates.

8 (a) Legislative Finding. Since as early as the Civil War,
9 the Yellow Ribbon has been a symbol of remembrance for men and
10 women who serve their country far away from home. The Yellow
11 Ribbon represents our longing and devotion for our loved ones,
12 who risk their lives for our freedom, to safely return home;
13 and our dedication to continue to serve and honor our heroes
14 upon their return. A portion of the revenues generated from the
15 Yellow Ribbon plate will be deposited into the Illinois
16 Veterans Assistance Fund to ensure continued commitment to
17 support our men and women who bravely lay their lives on the
18 line for our freedoms.

19 (b) The Secretary, upon receipt of all applicable fees and
20 applications made in the form prescribed by the Secretary, may
21 issue special registration plates designated as Yellow Ribbon
22 license plates. The special plates issued under this Section
23 shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first

1 division or motor vehicles of the second division weighing not
2 more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this Section shall
3 expire according to the multi-year procedure established by
4 Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

5 (c) The design and color of the special plates shall be
6 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary
7 may, in his or her discretion, allow the plates to be issued as
8 vanity or personalized plates in accordance with Section
9 3-405.1 of this Code. The plates are not required to designate
10 "Land of Lincoln", as prescribed in subsection (b) of Section
11 3-412 of this Code. The Secretary, in his or her discretion,
12 shall approve and prescribe stickers or decals as provided
13 under Section 3-412.

14 (d) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a
15 \$20 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate
16 registration fee. Of this fee, \$5 shall be deposited into the
17 Illinois Veterans Assistance Fund and \$15 shall be deposited
18 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund, to be
19 used by the Secretary to help defray the administrative
20 processing costs. For each registration renewal period, a \$20
21 fee, in addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be
22 charged. Of this fee, \$18 shall be deposited into the Illinois
23 Veterans Assistance Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the
24 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.